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SUBJECT: ADDRESSING MEXICO'S PROBLEMATIC RESOLUTIONS ON "PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE COUNTERING TERRORISM"

REF: STATE 53324

Deputy Undersecretary Gomez Robledo was unavailable this past week, but Political Counselor discussed reftel contents with his special advisor. Advisor said Gomez Robledo was well aware of U.S. concerns with regards to repeated tablings of Mexico's resolution on "Human Rights" While Combatting Terrorism" in multiple fora. He was speaking with different Multi-lateral Affairs elements about how to address these concerns while preserving the intent of the resolution. She did not comment on Political Counselor's suggestion that Mexico incorporate "life-extending" language into the OAS draft, but said SRE would pass on our comments to Mexico's delegation. She suggested that a similar USG demarche be made to Mexico's UN delegation. Subsequently, we spoke with Alejandro Negrin, SRE Director General for Human Rights, who claimed that Robledo had instructed Mexico's OAS delegation to work closely with ours and the outstanding differences over the current draft had been resolved. Negrin was less positive about Mexico refraining from introducing the resolution in subsequent years, claiming that other (unspecified) states wanted to review this issue on a yearly basis.

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